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Lisbon, May 9, N. S.

COmmodore Stewart, in His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Winchelsea, proposes to set sail from hence for the Downes on the 12th Instant.

Turin, May 16, N. S. The 14th Instant being the King of Sardinia's Birth-Day, His Majesty received the Compliments of all the Magistrates very early in the Morning; and then left the Palace (as he usually does upon that Occasion) and went to the Convent of the Capuchins, at a small Distance from this City, where he passed the Day in Retirement. The Princess of Piedmont is still indisposed with frequent Returns of the Ague. The King has ordered Detachments to be drawn out of all the Regiments of Foot with a Captain of each Regiment, which will make 1500 Men compleat, who are to march speedily towards Villa-Franca, to be imbarked for Sardinia, for relieving the Garrisons of that Kingdom, which consist of 1000 Effectives; so that the Forces of that Island will be increased by 500 Men.

Paris, May 23. The following Extract of the Advices received by the Court relating to the Plague, has been communicated to the foreign Ministers.

The Duke de Roquelaure, in his Letters of the 6th and 8th of May writes, that on the 2d of May six Persons fell sick at Alais, four of them in the Town, and two among those who are performing Quarantain without the Town, of which latter two more have since fallen ill. He was perswaded that this Accident was owing to some preceeding Communication, and that the good Order with which the Quarantain is continued will prevent its having any Consequences. Of nine who were sick at that Town, four died, two of them Children; it was hoped the other five would recover. All the Effects in the Houses of those Persons had been burnt. At Mende none had died or fallen sick in 10 Days: The Physicians were positive the Plague had intirely ceased there. The rest of the Gevaudan is in a good State of Health. There are none sick at Laurac nor at St. Genaix: Salindres having been healthy for above four Months past, he had sent Order to M. de Rothe to raise the Blockade. M. de Rothe in his of the 6th and 8th of May, sends the same Advices from Alais; adding, that he had given strict Orders for seeing all necessary Precautions observed, the People of that Part of the Country being not to be restrained but by Examples of the rigorous Punishment of Offenders against the established Rules. All the rest of the Gevaudan, the Sevennes, and the prohibited Part of the Vivarais are perfectly well, having lately had none dead or sick.

Whitehall, May 18. On 10th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. William Mitchell. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun was read, as was likewise His Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator; and a Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported on the 12th, was unanimously approved with very great Demonstrations of Affection to His Majesty's Person and Government; and having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty, and is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

THIS new Opportunity we have of meeting in a General Assembly, honoured with the renewed Assurances in so ample a Manner of your Majesty's Royal Favour, lays us under the strongest Ties of Gratitude to our Gracious God, and the most dutiful Sense of your Majesty's great Goodness.

The inviolable Obligations we are under to do our utmost to preserve our holy Religion would have rendered us inexcusable if we had neglected any Opportunity in the most difficult Times to give Proof of our hearty Zeal for the Protestant Interest, the Succession to the Crown of these Dominions in your Majesty's Royal Family, and of our most cordial Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government, whose Interests are so inseparably connected with those of the Reformed Churches; and we hope from the Assistance of our God, that neither Force and Violence of open Enemies, nor the artful Contrivances of factious and ill-designing Men, shall be able to divert us from those Principles of Loyalty which by the Blessing of God we have hitherto pursued.

The Approbation your Majesty is graciously pleased to give of our Behaviour on former Occasions, as Dutiful and Prudent, is an additional Engagement to the Ties which our Interest and Regard to our Character bring us under to behave ourselves with the greatest Temper and Unanimity we are capable of in this our present Assembly.

We do humbly rely upon your Majesty's most gracious and repeated Assurances of your unalterable Resolution to maintain the established Church of Scotland in the full Enjoyment of all their Rights and Privileges; and do esteem your Majesty's Royal Favour, and the Succession to the Crown in your Royal Family, as our greatest Security under God.

The Earl of Loudoun's known Concern for this Church, in which he follows the Example of his noble Ancestors, as well as his Zeal for your Majesty's Service, render your Majesty's Choice of him to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly most acceptable to us.

The Care your Majesty hath shewed in your wise and just Administration ever since your happy Accession to the Crown, for preserving of Peace and the publick Tranquillity both in Church and State, your Majesty's having so much at Heart the promoting true Religion and preventing the Growth of Popery, together with your gracious Assurances of your Royal Concern for the Advancement of the same good and glorious Ends, leave us no ground to doubt, that your Majesty will favourably countenance such Methods as may tend to the preventing the Growth of Popery, the Encrease of which we humbly believe is dangerous to the Interests of your Majesty's Government as well as to those of our holy Religion.

We are firmly resolved, through the Grace of our God, in order to the promoting those great and good Ends which your Majesty is pleased to recommend unto us, to be upon our Guard against the Practices of such as shall endeavour to create unhappy Divisions among us, being fully perswaded that nothing can tend more to the Welfare and Honour of this Church, than Concord and Brotherly Love.

That God may eminently bless your Majesty with all Spiritual Blessings in Christ, and long preserve you to reign over a People sensible of their own Happiness, and to be a Support to all the Protestant Churches of Europe; That he may plentifully pour out his Blessings upon their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and their Royal Issue; That when after a long and prosperous Reign you shall receive an Immortal Crown in Heaven, you may have Successours to the latest Posterity, worthy of your self and possessed of your Royal Virtues, to inherit your Crown, is the constant, earnest and fervent Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Ruling Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Presence, in our Name, and at our Appointment, by

Edinb. May 12, 1722. *Will. Mitchell*, Moderator.

Whitehall, May 19.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland landed Yesterday at Dover, and this Day arrived in Town.

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